

There could be no clearer example of the failed policies of the FCC in protecting local broadcasting from the manipulation of corporate ownership than in the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting Group to require local stations to preempt prime time programming to air the politically slanted piece "Stolen Honor." The FCC abandoned its responsibility to protect public ownership of the air waves when it expanded media consolidation and we now have a manifest demonstration of the result: corporate dictates to local stations requiring the airing of highly biased programming for political purposes. There is no "news" here except in the news that we now fully understand the extent to which the FCC has sold out the Republic and the People.